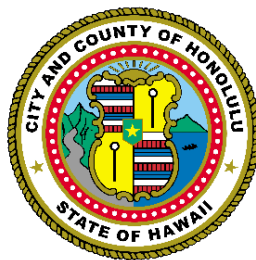




Pu'u O Kaimukī
Mini Park



MO'OLELO PĀKA

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Nestled in a residential area of Kaimukī, the 2.31-acre Pu'u O Kaimukī Mini Park is small but significant park location. Historical research indicates this park was the site of the Kukuionāpēhā

Heiau. DPR began managing the site as a park in the beginning of 1970, and today it is a popular spot for picnics and its magnificent south shore view, with a mechanical tree that is lit up every holiday season thanks to HECO. Recently, the once graffiti-ridden communication building was transformed into a vibrant mural as a result of a community project led by Solomon Enos, EnVision Kaimukī, and 808 Cleanups. The latter of which is continuing efforts to revitalize the park by rebuilding the heiau walls, removing invasive species, and replanting with native plants.

“We add quality to life!”



More local access at Hanauma Bay

Continuing our effort to better manage the bay while increasing local enjoyment, we added an hour of reservation-free, local access into this treasured nature preserve. This is now allowed from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., Wednesdays thru Sundays. Enjoy!

Country Repaving Project

Three parking lot and park roadway repaving projects began at Waimānalo District Park, Pōka'i Bay, and Kea'au beach parks. We're using this opportunity to make additional repairs at Kea'au, like tree trimming and irrigation work, while phasing the other projects.

Honoring the late Connie Chun

Park staff were joined by the City Councilmember Radiant Cordero and 'ohana of the late State Rep. and pioneering Filipina nurse, Connie Chun, to mark the official renaming of Āliamanu Neighborhood Park in her honor.

Volunteer Safety Video

As part of our efforts to improve our Adopt-a-Park Program and coordination with volunteer groups, we added new content to our website, including an entertaining video on how to volunteer safely.

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Kākou for Parks Updates:

This unparalleled program continues to revitalize our aging and most popular facilities island-wide, resulting in 183 different parks improved. See more at bit.ly/KakouforParks



Ka'ala Neighborhood Park



Hahaione Valley Neighborhood Park



Swanzy Beach Park

132

New & Refurbished Play Apparatus

135

Renovated Comfort Stations

479

Resurfaced Play Courts



Geiger Community Park

Summer Fun nō ka 'oi!



Pickleball Courts Popping Up All Over!

As part of our Kākou for Parks program we are giving our outdoor play courts new life and function as we re-purpose them to accommodate the fastest growing sport in the country! Currently we have added 148 courts at 80 parks, even adding some dedicated courts at select parks. Check out the location of all of our pickleball courts by visiting:

bit.ly/OahuPickleball

Mahalo to our dedicated Summer Fun staff, the 5,400 keiki participants, and their families for making our 2021 Summer Fun Program the "Best Summer Program" according to Honolulu Magazine! This year was the second year we offered a free, COVID-modified program to our island community, and it was a great success! In fact, we were able to expand the program with nearly 2,000 more keiki and more activities like excursions.